

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 and 3-24 are pending in the instant application.

Amendments

The amendment filed on July 1, 2009 has been acknowledged and has been entered into the instant application.

Previous Claim Objections

Claims 4, 6, 11-13, 17, and 18 were previously objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

The Applicant has rewritten the claims so that they are either in independent form or are in proper dependent form. The objection is withdrawn.

Claims 10-18 were previously objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims are no longer dependent on a rejected base claim, and the objection is withdrawn.

Previous Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 3-9, 19, and 20 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for catalysts with diamines where A and/or B consist of one or two substituted or unsubstituted carbon atoms, does not reasonably provide enablement for catalysts with diamines where A and/or B comprise one or two substituted or unsubstituted carbon atoms.

The Applicant has deleted the non-enabled subject matter, and the rejection is withdrawn.

Conclusion

Claims 1 and 3-24 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph R. Kosack whose telephone number is (571)272-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-5:00.

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